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## OPA Daily Digest for 8/16/13

### Congressional Inquiries:

**Rep. William Lacy Clay** (Mo.) 7/31/13: Coordination of information sharing with citizens group and local residents about cleanup efforts at the West Lake Landfill site. Due: 8/14/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Claire McCaskill** (Mo.) 8/6/13: West Lake Landfill FUSRAP designation. Due: 8/20/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep. Loebsack** (Iowa) 8/12/13: Concern about the environmental and health impacts of TK Concrete. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

### State Government Inquiries:

**Rep. Bill Otto (Mo)** 8/15/13: Requesting information on the sampling results at Westlake. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

**Rep. Charles Isenhardt** (Iowa) 8/15/13: Requesting information on the Administrator's visit to Iowa. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

### Press Inquiries:

**Iowa Public Radio** – Clay Masters – 8/9/13: Request for a phone interview on Tuesday, Aug. 20 about the advantages and disadvantages of voluntary efforts to reduce nutrients with the regional administrator on Thursday, Aug. 15 at the Iowa State Fair. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (open)

**KCCI-TV, Des Moines, Iowa** – Jeremy Scavo – 8/15/13: Covered the speech delivered by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy at the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards luncheon. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Iowa Farmer Today** – Gene Lucht – 8/15/13: Covered the speech delivered by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy at the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards luncheon. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Radio Iowa** – Kay Henderson – 8/15/13: Covered the speech delivered by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy at the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards luncheon. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Iowa Soybean Association** – Joe Murphy – 8/15/13: Covered the speech delivered by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy at the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards luncheon.

Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Des Moines Register** – Bill Neibergall – 8/15/18: Covered the speech delivered by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy at the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards luncheon. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**WHO Radio, Des Moines, Iowa** – Richard Lee – 8/15/18: Covered the speech delivered by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy at the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards luncheon. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Associated Press, Des Moines, Iowa** – Charles Neibergall - 8/15/18: Covered the speech delivered by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy at the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards luncheon. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Bureau of National Affairs, Washington, D.C.** – Amena Saiyid – 8/15/13: Referred request for a copy of the EPA Administrator's speech to HQ. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Associated Press, Des Moines, Iowa** – David Pitt – 8/13/13: Referred request for an interview with the EPA Administrator to HQ. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Des Moines Register** – Jennifer Jacobs – 8/13/13: Referred request for an interview with the EPA Administrator to HQ. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Successful Farming** – Dan Looker – 8/13/13: Referred request for an interview with the EPA Administrator to HQ. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Associated Press, Des Moines, Iowa** – David Pitt – 8/13/13: Referred request for an interview with the EPA Administrator to HQ. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Argus Media, Des Moines, Iowa** – Stephanie Tsao – 8/13/13: Referred request for an interview with the EPA Administrator to HQ. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**AgriTalk, St. Louis, Mo.** – John Herath – 8/13/13: Referred request for an interview with the EPA Administrator to HQ. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

## **Environmental Stories:**

**CBS Local - EPA Head: 'The Challenge Today Is Just To Stop Arguing About' Climate Change** - 8/16/13 - The newly appointed administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday the only way to confront climate-change challenges and environmental problems facing agriculture is for farmers and government agencies to work together.  
<http://washington.cbslocal.com/2013/08/16/epa-head-the-challenge-today-is-just-to-stop-arguing-about-climate-change/>

**Des Moines Register - EPA chief promises better relationship with farmers in Iowa and elsewhere** - 8/15/13 - President Barack Obama's top environmental official pledged to build trust with farmers in Iowa and elsewhere who have been roundly critical of federal regulation.  
<http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/08/15/epa-chief-promises-better-relationship-with-iowa-farmers/article>

**Kansas City InfoZine - Kansas Recognizes Businesses for Pollution Prevention Efforts** - 8/16/13 - The Kansas Pollution Prevention Program promotes pollution prevention as an environmental ethic to achieve improvements in public health and environmental quality.  
<http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/56778/>

**The Southern Illinoisan - Winkeler: Another example of oil and water not mixing** - 8/16/13 - I cringed in 1995 when Division of Mines and Minerals became part of a newly reorganized Illinois Department of Natural Resources.  
[http://thesouthern.com/sports/outdoors/winkeler-another-example-of-oil-and-water-not-mixing/article\\_76698150-061d-11e3-8499-001a4bcf887a.html?comment\\_form=true](http://thesouthern.com/sports/outdoors/winkeler-another-example-of-oil-and-water-not-mixing/article_76698150-061d-11e3-8499-001a4bcf887a.html?comment_form=true)

**York News Times - Fuel leak clean-up completed** - 8/16/13 - The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) recently released an official statement regarding the fuel leak that took place in late November, 2012, on a farm of Fairmont (south of Road F between Roads 15 and 16).

[http://www.yorknewstimes.com/news/fuel-leak-clean-up-completed/article\\_dc7245be-0630-11e3-8357-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.yorknewstimes.com/news/fuel-leak-clean-up-completed/article_dc7245be-0630-11e3-8357-001a4bcf887a.html)

**Des Moines Register - Iowa farmers upbeat after EPA chief's speech in Des Moines** - 8/15/13 - President Barack Obama's top environmental official pledged to build trust with farmers in Iowa and elsewhere who have been roundly critical of federal regulation.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130816/BUSINESS/308160064/Iowa-farmers-upbeat-after-EPA-chief-s-speech-in-Des-Moines?Business>

**Omaha World-Hearld - New EPA chief stresses cooperation with farmers on environment** - 8/15/13 - The newly appointed administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday that the only way to confront climate-change challenges and environmental problems facing agriculture is for farmers and government agencies to work together.

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20130816/NEWS/130819254/1707>

**Radio Iowa - "Productive" but "tense" meeting with EPA Administrator** - 8/16/13 - A small group of environmentalists met privately with the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for half an hour Thursday afternoon in Des Moines to discuss federal regulation of large-scale livestock operations.

<http://www.radioiowa.com/2013/08/16/productive-but-tense-meeting-with-epa-administrator/>

**Des Moines Register - Activists: Documents show plans for farm run-off oversight too weak** - 8/15/13 - Environmental activists say proposed plans for more oversight of Iowa farm facilities are too weak and won't do enough to stop pollution in Iowa's waterways.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130815/NEWS09/130815008/1056/news05>

**Agriculture.com - EPA chief praises nutrient plan** - 8/15/13 - Thursday, the new administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Gina McCarthy, made the Iowa State Fair her first trip destination after starting her job three weeks ago.

[http://www.agriculture.com/news/policy/epa-chief-praises-nutrient-pl\\_4-ar33008](http://www.agriculture.com/news/policy/epa-chief-praises-nutrient-pl_4-ar33008)

**Radio Iowa - New EPA chief stresses collaboration rather than confrontation with farmers** - 8/15/13 - The new administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency spoke at the Iowa State Fair today, promising to improve the agency's "relationship" with the nation's farmers. Gina McCarthy addressed an invitation-only group of farmers in the Iowa Farm Bureau's picnic shelter on the fairgrounds.

<http://www.radioiowa.com/2013/08/15/new-epa-chief-stresses-collaboration-rather-than-confrontation-with-farmers/>

## Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

## Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

## Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**8/19/13** - Meet and greet with CID KCAO – Carlos Rivera, Regional Office. Contact: Mike Burnett, 7990

**8/27/13** – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**9/9/13** - Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

**9/13/13** – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**10/15/13** - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flourney, 7782

**10/29-30/13** - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

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**RA/Immediate Office**

None

**Other Events**

**AWMD**

**9/18/13** – Providing training to the Allergy Foundation of America, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Bob Dye, 7605.

**CNSL**

None

**ECO/EJ**

None

**ENSV**

None

**PLMG**

None

**RA/OPA**

**8/22/13** – Rotary Drilling Supply Inc., RCRA 7003 Administrative Order on Consent public hearing, Crystal City, Mo. Contact: Beckie Himes, 7253

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**8/19-8/23/13** - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

**8/26-8/29/13** - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

**8/28/13** – State of Missouri – Chem/Bio Functional Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

#### **WWPD**

**8/19/13** - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

**8/20-22/13** – Meet with WinnaVegas and Santee Sioux, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products plans, Sloan, Iowa and Niobrara, Neb. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

**8/26/13** – Missouri Department of Natural Resources Public Water System Supervision Coordination meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Carolyn Mitchell, 7187, Robert Dunlevy, 7798

**8/26/13** - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

**9/9-13/13** – Nebraska Health and Human Services End of Year Commitments Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585